**Outstanding EPF dues of employees of Council for Indian School Certificate Examination**

*489. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees are employed in the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations, as on date;

(b) how much provident fund are lying at the Office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi in the name of each of these employees;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the past the Council has not been depositing any dues at RPFC Office; and

(d) what action against the concerned officials of the Council has been taken in the past for their failure to deposit the dues at RPFC Office?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PAJBAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) 63.

(b) Nil.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A notice dated 14-2-1994 has been served on the establishment. Legal proceedings under Section 7A of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act have also been initiated to determine the amount due from the establishment.

**Meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee on Industrial Sickness**

*490. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minster of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Labour Ministry has convened a meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee to discuss industrial sickness in the private sector;

(b) what are the conclusions of the meeting; and

(c) what action Government is taking to implement the recommendations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c) A Special Tripartite Committee was doHstftuted by the Ministry of Labour on November 12, 1991 to consider the impact of the new Industrial Policy on labour and other related matters and make appropriate recommendations. The subject of sickness in private sector industries was one of the items for discussion in the meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee held on 16-3-94. However, the Committee primarily concentrated on the report of the Sub-Committee on restructuring of National Textile Corporation and the subject of sickness in private sector industries was deferred.

**Impact of Tariff Reforms**

*491. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of tariff reforms undertaken by Government for boosting exports since 1991;

(b) whether Government have plans to introduce some more reforms in this regard and if so, details thereof; and

(c) the impact of these reforms on the agricultural exports to other countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The exports after having declined in US dollar